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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

This is in response to the Office Action dated 12/03/2002.

Please replace claims 1, 13, 35, 36, 37 and 38 with the following:

1. (thrice amended) A fiber reinforced composite article comprising a matrix and reinforcing fibers wherein:

the article comprises a plurality of discrete regions each extending substantially completely through the matrix of the article;

a first region of the plurality of regions of the article during operation use subjected to a first temperature and a first stress, and including first fibers having a first strength greater than the first stress; and,

a second region of the plurality of regions of the article during operation use subjected to a second temperature less than the first temperature and a second stress

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